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The Honorable Richard B. Russell
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The House has just passed S. 927, a bill to amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949. This bill passed the Senate on 11 April and authorizes CIA to employ not more than fifteen retired officers whose employment by the Government is otherwise barred by present law. In considering this legislation, the House Armed Services Committee eliminated the proviso of Section 1 of the bill regarding certain tax exemptions for these officers. This proviso in no way affected the authorities in the bill which would permit us to employ these officers.

If it is agreeable to you, we recommend that the House version be accepted, and the bill be approved in that form.

With appreciation for your assistance in the passage of this legislation, I am

Sincerely,

WALTER B. SMITH
Director

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